

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4-15 are pending. Claims 1, 4-10 and 12-14 are allowed. By this Amendment, Claims 11 and 15 are amended. Support for the amendments is provided in the originally filed application, for example, see Figures 2, 7A-B and 9. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is presented herein.

Personal Interview

Applicants respectfully acknowledge and appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representatives, Messrs. Ozgu and Nakamura, during the personal interview conducted on January 23, 2007. The proposed amendments presented during the interview, and which were agreed upon as overcoming the outstanding rejection of Claims 11 and 15, are incorporated herein.

Allowed Claims

Applicants acknowledge and appreciate the indication by the Examiner that Claims 1, 4-10 and 12-14 are allowed.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112, 1st Paragraph

Claims 11 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Claims 11 and 15 have been amended to clarify that the lateral force generator is disposed within the intermediate member (Claim 11) and provided on at least one intermediate portion of the intermediate member (Claim 15) as clearly discussed in the Specification (e.g., the paragraph bridging pages 8-9 and the first full paragraph on page 16) and illustrated in the drawings (e.g., Figures 2, 7A-B and 9) of the originally filed application, as well as discussed and agreed upon during the January 23, 2007 personal interview. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding rejection, allowance of Claims 1 and 4-15, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing docket number 106145-00064.**

Respectfully submitted,
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